Organization of district in two counties, &c., legalized. SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That said independent school-district of Elm Grove, in said townships of Bloomfield, in Polk county, and Greenfield, in Warren county, Iowa, be, and the same is hereby, declared to be a valid and legal organization, with said boundaries, the same as though all the requirements of the laws then in force for the organization of independent school-districts had been fully and strictly complied with.

Acts of officers legalized. SEC. 2. All the acts of the *de facto* officers of said independent school-district of Elm Grove are hereby confirmed and declared to have the same force and effect as though all the proceedings in the organization thereof were regular and in strict conformity with the requirements of law.

In force when.

SEC. 3. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its publication in The Review and Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, without expense to the State.

Approved, March 25th, 1872.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Leader, April 4, and in the Iowa Review, April 6, 1872

ED WRIGHT, Secretary of State.

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CHAPTER XL.

[S. F. 16.

ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE LEGALIZED.

MARCH 29.

AN ACT to Legalize the Annexation of certain Territory to the City of Knoxville, in Marion County, Iowa.

Preamble.

Whereas, On the sixth day of March, A. D. 1871, the petition of a large number of citizens of sections one and twelve, township seventy-five, range twenty west, the south one-half of section six, and the east one-half, and the southwest one-fourth, of section seven, township seventy-five, range nineteen west, which includes Neal's addition, Walters and Roach's addition, Hillis's addition, and Eldridge's additions to the city of Knoxville, and South-west Knoxville, Matthews' addition to Knoxville, and North-west Knoxville, the said large number of citizens being a majority of the qualified

electors of the territory before described, the said territory before described being contiguous to the city of Knoxville, Marion county, Iowa, was filed in the circuit court sitting in and for said Marion county, Iowa, asking that said territory, before described, should be annexed to and incorporated as a part of the said city of Knoxville, Marion county, Iowa;

WHEREAS, At the April term of said circuit court of Marion county, Iowa, said before described territory, by order of said court, was annexed to and incorporated as a part of said incorporated city of Knoxville, Marion

county, Iowa;

WHEREAS, Sixty days having elapsed after the order of said circuit court, and no complaint having been filed

against said annexation;

WHEREAS, On the 17th day of July, 1871, an ordinance was passed by the city council of the city of Knoxville, Marion county, Iowa, instructing the mayor of said city to issue his proclamation calling an election of the legal voters of said city, at which election the question of the annexation of said before described territory was ordered to be submitted;

WHEREAS, At an election of the legal electors of the city of Knoxville, Marion county, Iowa, holden on the first day of August, 1871, it was decided, by a large majority of the legal voters of said city of Knoxville, that said before described territory should be annexed to and made a part of said city of Knoxville;

WHEREAS, On the 2d day of August, 1871, an ordinance was passed by the city council of the city of Knoxville, declaring that the before described territory be annexed to, organized as, and become a part of the incorpo-

rated city of Knoxville;

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of the proceedings annexing said before mentioned territory to

the said city of Knoxville, Iowa; therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly Proceedings in of the State of Iowa, That all acts of the citizens of the ecs. I and 12,1p. territory described in this section, of the city council of 75.7.20, and s. ht the city of Knoxville, proceedings had by the citizens of and sw qr scc. 7, 5, 19, to city of said city of Knoxville, and all orders of said circuit court Knoxville, legalof Marion county, and the mayor and city council of said ized. city of Knoxville in reference to the annexation of said sections one and twelve, township seventy-five, range twenty west, and the south one-half of section six, and the east one-half and the southwest quarter of section seven, township seventy-five, range nineteen west, which includes

Neal's addition, Walters and Roach's addition, Hillis's addition, Matthews's addition, and Eldridge's addition to said incorporated city of Knoxville, Marion county, Iowa, be, and the same are hereby, declared to be legal and valid to all intents and purposes, as fully and completely as if all the provisions of the law had been strictly complied with.

In force when.

SEc. 2. This act, being deemed by the General Assembly of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa Voter and Marion County Democrat, newspapers published in the city of Knoxville, Marion county, Iowa, provided said publication shall be made without expense to the State.

Approved, March 29th, 1872.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa Voter*, April 11, 1872.

ED WRIGHT, Secretary of State.

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CHAPTER XLI.

[S. F. 207.

PAYMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO HEAR DES MOINES RIVER CLAIMANTS.

APRIL 1.

AN ACT to Provide for the Payment of the Per Diem and Expenses of the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 8[7] of the Acts of the Fourteenth General Assembly, and amendatory thereof.

1872: ch. 8, § 4 amended. SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That section 4 of chapter 8, of the acts of the Fourteenth General Assembly, is hereby amended by striking out the words "general contingent "fund of the State," at the end of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "State treasury out of any "money not otherwise appropriated, and the accounts of "said Commissioners shall be approved by the Census "Board."

In force when.

SEC. 2. This act shall be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Iowa State Leader.

Approved, April 1st, 1872.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Daily Iowa State Register, April 5, and in the Daily State Leader, April 3, 1872.

ED WRIGHT, Secretary of State.